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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Please enter the following amendment prior to examination of the above-identified continuation patent application.

**In the Abstract**

Lines 1-3, delete the first sentence.

Lines 11-12, change "A second embodiment also comprises a magnetic circuit approach in which the" to: --In a second embodiment, a--

Line 22, change the first word "the" to --the--.

**In the Specification**

In the section entitled "CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION", after "This application is", please insert: --a continuation of application serial no. 08/421,571 filed 4/11/95, now U.S. Patent

~~which is a continuation of application serial no. 08/151,599 filed 11/12/93, now U.S. Patent~~

~~5,406,263 which is~~

In the section entitled "CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION", please delete the sentence which reads "This application is also related to copending U.S. Patent Application No. 07/899,777, filed June 17, 1992."

Page 3, line 26, delete "taken along lines 3-3".

Page 4, line 12, change "first" to -- second --

Page 4, line 16, change "ten (10)" to --nine(9)--

Page 4, line 18, after "RFID", insert: -- (radio frequency identification) --

Page 5, line 13, change "antennal" to -- antenna --

Page 7, line 24, change "an via" to: --and, via--